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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Kirk Beck, Paul Van Doren, Susie Doss, Christina Duran, Shirley Hanagan, Cindy Jensen, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Wil Lopez, Karin Roberts, Taffi Romero, Lorraine Hernandez-Saint, Erin Snyder, Nancy Sturmer, and John Williams.

**Members Excused:** none

**Council Members:** Legislative Assistant Blake Inman, Ward 3

**Guests:** Paul Chavez, Norm Gritton, and Richard Long

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis, Housing & Neighborhoods Manager; Belinda Graham, Development Director, Bruni Mercado, City Manager’s Office, Don Smith, Housing and Neighborhoods Hilda Gonzalez, Housing and Neighborhoods

**1. Call to Order/Introductions –**

Chairperson Romero called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

**2. Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2007 –**

(Khalsa/Duran/carried)

**3. Visiting Councilmembers –**

- a. Ward 3 Legislative Assistant Blake Inman -- Announced the proposed move of the March Branch Library to the old DMV site; update as to the grade separations in Magnolia Center, landscape project on Central Avenue, and “fly trap”; discussion of potential move of auto auction.
- b. Mayor’s Office, Brenda Flowers – MNO for May postponed one week.

**4. Housing and Neighborhoods Report –**

1. Neighborhood Conference update.
  - a. Kathye Crumley has stepped down from the RNP leaving one representative for Area 4.
  - b. Overview of conference program given
  - c. Caucus date of June 21, 2008, chosen
  - d. Workshop training – suggest each facilitator meet with their RNP Area reps to work out workshop details. Review of presentation PowerPoint.
  - e. Awards Presentation: Gurumantra Khalsa to MC
  - f. Review of volunteer assignments, Bruni Mercado
  - g. Request for trainers for the Neighborhood Organizing workshop. Christina Duran, Erin Snyder, Taffi Romero, and Nancy Sturmer volunteered to assist.
  - h. Cindy Jensen and Susie Doss offered to volunteer in the office.
  - i. Discussion of how many groups requested exhibit tables at the conference.

**5. Neighborhood Conference Training –**

Overview of Powerpoint given. Q and A

**6. Next Meeting June 2, 2008**

**7. Adjournment – 7:45**